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Hostage families visit White House

Relatives of the American hostages in Lebanon, vowing to keep coming back to the nation's capital until their loved ones are free, paid visits yesterday to the White House, Capitol Hill and the Syrian and Algerian embassies.

Tom Anderson, 41, of Valley Stream, N.Y., said John Poindexter, President Reagan's national security adviser, was friendly and told the families that they "could meet with anyone in the government at any time."

Mr. Anderson, the cousin of hostage Terry Anderson, said Rep. Lee Hamilton, Indiana Democrat, told the families that "there is a lack of intelligence coming out of the Middle East," which has handicapped U.S. officials in their efforts to free the hostages.